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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Sovereign God and ultimate ruler of this Nation, as our lawmakers remember their accountability to You, use them to protect the blessing of liberty. Continue to provide encouragement and support to the members of their staffs, who help provide for the security and well-being of the citizens of this land.

Lord, cover us all with Your protection and providence, and may Your gracious benediction give us peace this day and evermore. Keep our thoughts clear, our words wise, and our hearts pure.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 8, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. SHAHEEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for 1 hour, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half. Following morning business, we will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 674. At noon, the Senate will be in executive session to consider the nomination of Evan Wallach to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. At 12:15 p.m., the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Wallach nomination. Following that vote, the Senate will be in recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for our weekly caucus meetings. We expect to

begin consideration of H.R. 674 today. Senators will be notified when additional votes are scheduled.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2930 AND H.R. 2940

Mr. REID. Madam President, there are two bills at the desk. They are both due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2930) to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 2940) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I object to any further proceedings with respect to these two bills.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

VOW TO HIRE HEROES LEGISLATION

Mr. REID. Madam President, yesterday my friend the Republican leader ticked off a list of bills on which he believes Democrats and Republicans can agree. I couldn't help but notice that the VOW to Hire Heroes legislation that would give tax cuts to companies to hire out-of-work and disabled veterans wasn't on that list he ticked off.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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